

# Montgomery High School

## English Department



## Program Overview 2017

### Questions?

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## REQUIRED TEXT(S) AND ASSIGNMENTS\*

<b>GRADE 9</b>	
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>—Sherman Alexie</p> <p>Assignment:   Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</p>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>—Sherman Alexie            2-<i>The Namesake</i>—Jhumpa Lahiri</p> <p>Assignment:   Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</p>
<b>GRADE 10</b>	
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>In the Shadow of Blackbirds</i>—Cat Winters  <b>Note:</b> This work is a carefully researched historical fiction novel with elements of magic. It is not an entirely realistic story.</p> <p>Assignment:   Take notes while reading for use during class discussion, which will explore how and why people's opinions can be so different. Look for significant quotes that provide evidence of characters' viewpoints. Also, note the various societal forces that affect these views, including WWI, definitions of patriotism, gender roles, etc.</p>	<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>The Joy Luck Club</i>—Amy Tan</p> <p>Assignment:   Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</p>
<b>GRADE 11</b>	
<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep AND Honors</b>            Required Reading for <b>FALL</b> Courses:            1-<i>Persepolis: The Story of Childhood</i>—Marjane Satrapi</p> <p>Required Reading for <b>SPRING</b> Courses:            1-<i>Life of Pi</i>—Yann Martel</p> <p>Assignment:   Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</p>	<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>This Land is Their Land</i>—Barbara Ehrenreich</p> <p>Assignment:   Take notes while reading for use during class discussion. Some items to look for might include significant quotes, evidence of symbolism or themes, notable use of literary devices, etc.</p>
<b>GRADE 12</b>	
<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep AND Honors</b>  <b>Recommended</b> Reading for <b>ALL (Fall and Spring)</b> Courses:            1-<i>The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth</i>—Alexandra Robbins</p> <p>Assignment:   Read and Enjoy! While this book is not required, we <b>HIGHLY</b> recommend all of our senior students read it nonetheless. In a format that feels like a cross between <i>Gossip Girl</i> &amp; <i>Freaks and Geeks</i>, the book explains how the things that set students apart in high school, the things considered "quirky" or "weird" now, are the things that help them stand out later in life. Trust us: we think you'll love it!</p>	<p><b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Placement</b>            Required Reading:            1-<i>Antigone</i>—Sophocles            2-<i>King Lear</i>—Shakespeare</p> <p>Assignment:   First: read and take notes on the <i>Oedipus and Tragic Hero</i> slideshow which will be posted on Mr. Lopez's web page   Second: read and take notes to be used in class discussion on <i>Antigone</i> and <i>King Lear</i></p>

**\*\*BE SURE TO NOTE PAGE NUMBERS WHEN TAKING NOTES**